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1. PAPERS SEPTEMBER 8 PLAYED UP SYRIAN "THREAT" TO ESCALATE ITS INTERVENTION IN LEBANON. SYRIAN DECISION FOR "DECISIVE MILITARY OPERATION" SAID TO RESULT FROM CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ASAD AND GEMAYEL IN DAMASCUS, AND ARE BASED ON "PRETEXT" OF LEFT-IST-PALESTINIAN EFFORTS TO SABOTAGE SWEARING IN OF SARKIS. OTHER ASAD MEETINGS REPORTEDLY WILL BE WITH CHAMOUN, WHO DUE IN DAMASCU SEPTEMBER 8, AND WITH KING HUSAIN AND SARKIS SEPTEMBER 18 "TO COORDINATE WITH REGARD TO LEBANON AND THEIR RELATIONS."

2. ASAD REPORTEDLY ALSO STRESSED TO PHALANGISTS HIS DESIRE TO
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SEE ARAFAT OUSTED AND PLO LEADERSHIP REPLACED BY

TROIKA CONSISTING OF ZUHAYR MUHSIN, KHALID AL-HASAN AND KHALID FAHUM. NEWLY RECONSTITUTED PLO WOULD THEN BE BROUGHT INTO PROJECTED LEBANESE-JORDANIAN SYRIAN CONFEDERATION.

3. EGYPTIANS GETTING WHAT MILEAGE THEY CAN FROM THEIR "SUCCESSFUL INITIATIVE" IN SECURING FULL AL MEMBERSHIP FOR PLO. EDITIRIALS GLORIFY MEASURE AS HISTORIC STEP, FOR WHICH ALL CREDIT DUE TO EGYPT, WHILE "OTHERS" (I.E. SYRIA) STILL ATTEMPTING TO DIG PLO'S GRAVE IN LEBANON. PLO WILL NEVER FORGET THAT EGYPT HAS ALWAYS SWUNG ITS FULL WEIGHT BEHIND IT, UNLIKE THOSE "MOTIVATED BY TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS" WHO HAVE SOUGHT TO IMPOSE DOMINATION OVER PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION. FONMIN FAHMT ALSO POINTED TO PLO MEMBERSHIP AS ONE OF POSITIVE RESULTS OF AL SESSION WHICH "ASSERTS SOUNDNESS OF EGYPT'S POLITICAL LINE." FAHMY REPORTEDLY STRESSED THAT SESSION SATISFACTORY AND SAID HE "LOOKS FORWARD WITH OPTIMISM" TO PROPOSED ARAB SUMMIT. MATTHEWS

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